

**STILLWATER COUNTY
COMMISSIONER MINUTES**

<p>Notice: These minutes reflect the proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners. The official minutes are on file with the Clerk and Recorder MCA 7-4-2611(2)(b).</p>

**REGULAR MEETING
March 9, 2021**

PRESENT Commissioner Mark Crago, Chair, Commissioner Tyrel Hamilton and Steve Riveland, members; Shannon Fisher Admin Assistant.

Others Present: Kevin Ray, Road & Bridge; Kisha Miller, City Clerk; Jerry Friend, Treasurer; Chip Kem, SCSO; Bill Pronovost, DES; Emily Schabacher, Stillwater County News; Webb Mandeville, Citizen.

PLEDGE Commissioner Crago opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES February 2, 2021. Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Riveland **SECONDED**. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Commissioner Crago announced that there will be a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. today at the fairgrounds pavilion on the creation of a fairgrounds special district. There will be a special agenda meeting at 10:00 a.m. on March 10, 2021 at the fairgrounds pavilion for a final decision on the Beartooth Front Citizen Initiated Zoning District. March 16, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at the fairgrounds pavilion will be a public hearing on developmental regulations as presented by the County Planning Board.

CONSENT AGENDA **Road & Bridge**
A) AlSCO Service Agreement

FILE **Sheriff**
A) Cooperative Law Enforcement Annual Operating Plan & Financial Plan with the Forest Service.

Clerk & Recorder
A) Report for the month of February in the amount of \$8390.90

Justice Court
A) Report for the month of February in the amount of \$11,388.50

Commissioner Riveland **MOVED** to consent to the consent agenda and file the file items. Commissioner Hamilton **SECONDED**. Discussion – Sheriff Kem explained that the Cooperative Annual Operating Plan is an annual agreement with the Forest Service to conduct patrols on the Forest Service land and reimbursements for patrols. Motion passed unanimously.

REGULAR BUSINESS **Economic Development**
A) Economic Development Committee SWC Small Business Grant Award
Recommendations – Commissioner Riveland **MOVED** to approve the Economic Development Committee SWC small business grant award. Commissioner Hamilton **SECONDED**. Discussion – Webb Mandeville explained that the Commissioners charged the Economic Development Committee with awarding grants from the Metal Mines Fund to businesses affected by the pandemic. Work for this started in the end of January and set up deadlines to be met. Applications had to be received by February 12, 2021. There were over 100 applications received. 77 applications were complete with the remainder that were incomplete. There was \$220,000.00 to provide as grants. The applicants were varied from

hospitality business to non-profit community organizations. After much discussion it was determined to allocate the money by dividing the \$220,000.00 by 77 and give everyone a check for \$2857.14. This was the recommendation made to the County Commissioners. Commissioner Hamilton thanked the Economic Development group for their efforts. Motion passed unanimously.

Road & Bridge

A) Berry Creek Road Abandonment Decision. Commissioner Riveland **MOVED** to approve the Berry Creek Road abandonment. Commissioner Hamilton **SECONDED**. Discussion – Emily Schabacker asked if the decision was to abandon the road. Commissioner Crago confirmed that yes, that was the decision. Commissioner Crago went on to explain that there were two affected landowners and both landowners agreed to the abandonment allowing for the closure of the road. Motion passed unanimously.

B) Application for Cattleguard on Berry Creek Road. Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to approve the new cargate installation on Berry Creek Road. Commissioner Riveland **SECONDED**. Discussion – Emily Schabacker asked if there was a cost to the County on this. Commissioner Crago replied yes, per county policy if a citizen wants a cattleguard across a county road, the citizen will pay for the materials and the County will provide the labor to install the cattleguard. Commissioner Crago noted that on the Berry Creek Road abandonment that it is only the petitioned portion of the road being abandoned. The remainder of Berry Creek Road is still open. That is why there is a cattle guard request because there is an area in the open portion of Berry Creek Road with a gate across it. The gate needs to be removed or opened and this cattleguard will allow the containment for the animals. Motion passed unanimously.

DES

A) Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding for County & Radio Users. Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to approve the MOU for County & Radio Users. Commissioner Riveland **SECONDED**. Discussion – Emily Schabacker asked if there is anything important to know on this. Commissioner Crago replied that this is an agreement for county entities that use the County owned repeater stations stating that if you use them you agree to follow the County rules and guidelines. Motion passed unanimously.

B) DES Trailer Bid Letter of Recommendation. Commissioner Riveland **MOVED** to approve the DES trailer bid letter of recommendation. Commissioner Hamilton **SECONDED**. Discussion – Commissioner Hamilton stated that the amount for the trailer is \$168,932.00 from Missouri Great Dane. Commissioner Crago noted that there is a \$170,000.00 grant to pay for this trailer. Motion passed unanimously.

Columbus Fire District

A) 4th Quarter Payment of CARE's Funding Transfer. Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to approve the 4th quarter payment of CARE's fund transfer to the Columbus Rural Fire Department. Commissioner Riveland **SECONDED**. Discussion – Emily Schabacker asked what the dollar amount is. Commissioner Hamilton replied that the funds for this quarter were \$183,349.43 for the time period of September 3, 2020 through October 31, 2020. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON COUNTY BUSINESS – None heard.

With no further comments hear the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

APPROVED BY: /s/ Mark Crago, Commissioner Chairman

ATTEST: Heidi L. Stadel, Clerk and Recorder